



Sovereign Grace Church

April 28th, 2024

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

*“I the LORD do keep [her]; I will water [her] every
moment: lest any hurt [her], I will keep [her] night
and day.”*

(Isaiah 27:3)

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A HEARTBROKEN man calling into a relationship show, said “I’m about six months into a divorce...it’s pretty much amicable...we’re living under the same roof...” The host abruptly interrupted and asked, “Why?!” And the man said “Finances mostly.” The host interrupted him again, saying “No! Why?!” And the distraught man cried quietly saying, “Okay, that’s a lie.” “I know it is.” Replied the host, “Why’d you get divorced?” To which the man said “She just said she doesn’t need me—she doesn’t want me anymore—she doesn’t want to be married anymore...she said she did not want anything to do with me.” To which the host replied “That is not amicable. The love of your life has said I don’t want you...I’m so sorry man.”

While I understand, oftentimes, people like this host refer to our wives and husbands, as ‘The love of our life,’ I understand that. But child of God, never forget it; ‘The Love of your Life is the Lord Jesus Christ, and He tells His bride, *the wife of His youth*, ever so blessedly, “*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*” (Hebrews 13:5). And by God’s grace beloved, we may say with our brother of *Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood*— “*Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.*” (Psalm 73:25). AMEN!

— JDM

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!
James Richards, June 1st

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Christ Keeps Us Night And Day!

“Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.”

(1 Peter 5:7)

BELOVED, have you ever found yourself awakened during the night? I came across this precious verse in God’s only holy book, the Bible. What comfort it affords God’s people, speaking of the care of our LORD for His bride, those He came to save, it declares: *“I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.”* (Isaiah 27:3). Beloved remember, when you awake, He keeps us every moment, both night and day! AMEN!

— JDM

What Does Your Church Believe?

“...I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.”

(2 Timothy 1:12)

WHILE I understand what people mean when they ask the question ‘What does your church believe?’, I believe it is far more helpful to sinners and ultimately to God’s people, to ask the question in “Whom have you believed?” [2 Timothy 1:12].

The gospel that God’s people rejoice in is not found in an ‘ism’, it’s found in a ‘Whom’. The Apostle Paul and all who believe on Jesus Christ rejoice in Him; knowing that He is mighty to save. God’s people don’t rejoice in mere theological truths, or in a denominational distinctive, rather we rejoice in a Person, Christ Jesus the Lord. God’s word declares *“He will save”* for *“He shall save His people from their sins!”* (Zephaniah 3:17, Matthew 1:21.)

Sadly, today there are many who say they believe *in* Jesus Christ, but who have not as yet, by God’s grace, been made to actually *believe* Him and what He teaches sinners.

The importance of our Lord’s doctrine can not be emphasized enough; for those who depart from His teaching *“hath not God”* (2 John 1:9). Reader, it is so vitally important, indescribably so, that you continue with those who follow Christ and abideth in His doctrine. Beloved, I trust that as you read this you were comforted by Him who *shall save His people from their sins*, and led to continue with those, that the Holy Ghost tells us by His servant John; *“hath both the Father and the Son”* our dear Lord and God Jesus Christ. AMEN!

— JDM

A Wedding Hymn

“..both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.”

(John 2:2)

AT Cana, Lord, Thou didst appear
To grace a marriage feast;
We ask Thee likewise to be here,
And be a wedding guest.

Upon the bridal pair look down,
Who now have pledging hands;
Their union with Thy favour crown,
And bless the nuptial bands.

With gifts of grace their hearts endow;
Of all rich dowries best!
Their substance bless, and peace bestow,
To sweeten all the rest.

In purest love their souls unite,
That they, with Christian care,
May make domestic burdens light,
By taking mutual share.

True helpers may they prove indeed,
In prayer, and faith, and hope;
And see with joy a godly seed,
To build Thy household up.

As Isaac and Rebecca give
A pattern chaste and kind;
So may this married couple live,
And die in friendship's bind.

On every soul assembled here,
O make thy face to shine;
Thy goodness more our hearts and cheer,
Than richest food or wine.

— John Berridge

From 'A Selection of Hymns, for Public Worship' by William Gadsby

John Berridge wrote his own epitaph, this is what he had engraved on his own tombstone: “Here lie the earthly remains of John Berridge, an itinerant servant of Jesus Christ; who loved his Master and his work; and, after running his errands for many years, was called up to wait on Him above. Reader, art thou *born again*? No salvation without a new birth. I was born in sin February 1716; remained ignorant of my fallen state till 1730; lived proudly on faith and works for salvation till 1751; was admitted to Everton Vicarage 1755; fled to JESUS for safety 1756; fell asleep in JESUS, January 22, 1793.” [John 3:1-15]